Import of Pesticides

776. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the pesticides imported in the country during the last three years, year-wise, indicating their value and quantities and names of the manufacturers; and

(b) the purpose for which each of these pesticides are generally used indicating the crops etc.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) The quantity of pesticides imported during last 3 years is as under:—

Year	Quantity (in MT Technical Grade)
1988-89	3230
1989-90	1389
1990-91	1094

The statements indicating the pesticidewise break up of the above quantity; their value alongwith names of importers/manufacturers are placed at *Annexure-I(A), 1(B) and 1(C) respectively*. [See Appendix CLX Annexure No.31]

(b) The Statement is placed at Annexure-II. [See Appendix CLX, Annexure No. 32.]

Use of Allethrin for Mosquito Repellants

777. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Allethrin is being widely used in India for household mosquito repellants without any clearance from the registration authorities;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government are aware that clear evidence has been found in U.S.A. about the harmful effec of Allethrin used in these gadget and

(d) if so, whether Governmer propose to put a ban on the use Allethrin these gadgets till furth detailed investigations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE I THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTUR (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMA CHANDRAN): (a) and (b) Registra tion Committee set up under the In secticides Act, 1968 has granted re gistration for use of Allethrin a mosquito repellants for household purposes only after satisfying itsel regarding efficacy of this insecticid and its safety to human beings and environment.

(c) According to available informa tion United States Environmenta Protection Agency (USEPA) hav not found any harmful effects in use of Allethrin as mosquito repellant.

(d) In view of the above the Question does not arise.

Ban on Khoya and its Import in Delhi

778. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of consumers' and small khoya manufacturers resentment against ban on khoya making and its import in Delhi as appeared in the Indian Express of the 10th August, 1991;

(b) whether it is a fact that such ban only help racketeers and whether it is a fact that such a ban was not imposed during 1977-78 and there was absolutely no black marketing and no artificial shortages of milk and its products at that time; and

(c) if so, whether Government propose to review the above policy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) Government's attention has been drawn to the News item.